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For: METHODS FOR PRODUCING PROTEIN
DOMAINS AND ANALYZING THREE
DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES OF
PROTEINS BY USING SAID DOMAINS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a restriction requirement herein mailed 16 April 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 16 March 2003. Three groups were proposed.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-7, and 10-14, drawn to a method for producing a soluble protein domain. An election of species was also required.

Applicants elect the species D - fluorescent proteins. Applicants understand that should a generic claim be found allowable, additional species will be rejoined.

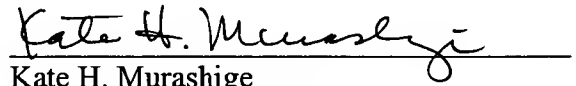
This election is made without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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